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**PATENT
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2005, (paper No. 20050607) with a shortened statutory period of one month, Applicants hereby elects Species (3), Figs. 69-71, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted should no generic claim be finally held to be allowable.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 3 of this paper.